

MEETING DATE: October 5, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: Report from the Commission Representatives on their Presentation to the City Council of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City.

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ATTACHMENT A

**EXCERPT OF THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA**

June 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Chair Vicki Daly Redholtz
Vice Chair Rick Hudson
Commissioner Mary Ann Greene
Commissioner Laura Stuart

Excused: Commissioner Marianne Kim

*****EXCERPT BEGINS*****

Item A-1

Consideration of Issuing a Statement to the City Council Regarding Developing Additional Community Gardens within Culver City

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided a summary of the material of record.

Chair Daly Redholtz invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Meghan Sahli-Wells, Downtown Neighborhood Association, suggested locating a community garden on City Hall property and proposed forming mutually beneficial partnerships with restaurants.

Bernadette Dollard expressed support for expanding community gardens in the City.

Elizabeth Flottman expressed support for expanding community gardens in the City as a way to bring people together and educate children about the environment, nature and where food comes from.

Sandra Lozano expressed support for community gardens.

Ken Browning provided background on himself, suggested locating community gardens in empty lots, discussed benefits of community gardens in cities, and asserted that community gardens can be a nexus for urban learning.

Eugene Paulish, Administrative Secretary, read written comments from:

Lisa English
Wena Dows

Responding to Chair Daly Redholtz, Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, clarified that any community garden use of vacant properties would be temporary until the property was developed.

Commissioner Greene read an email in support of community gardens that questioned why park space was not being considered and asking about needs in the community.

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, reported a shortage of park space for community use and she discussed additional staff time required to administer community gardens.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: the Quimby Act; use of school land; properties along Ballona Creek; Land for the Public Trust; eligibility qualifications; empty Caltrans properties; vacant lots in the City and partnerships with private owners; buy-in from community members to cover maintenance and reduce impact to staff; the Culver City Great Parks organization; donations of supplies from Home Depot; clarification regarding who controls the area by Bill Botts Field; the AQMD grant; joint gardening efforts with schools; Community Development Block Grants; encouragement to the community to find the space and funding for the gardens; and wording suggestions for the recommendation.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR HUDSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER KIM) THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: ISSUE A STATEMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENS WITHIN CULVER CITY.

*****EXCERPT ENDS*****

ATTACHMENT B

**EXCERPT OF THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA**

August 3, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Chair Rick Hudson; Vice Chair Marianne Kim, Commissioner Vicki Daly Redholtz; Commissioner Laura Stuart; Commissioner Mary Ann Greene

*****EXCERPT BEGINS*****

Item A-4

Designation of PRCS Commission Representative(s) to Present the Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City at an Upcoming City Council Meeting

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided a summary of the material of record.

Commissioner Stuart requested that, as originator of the item, she be designated to address the City Council.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: clarification that the issue discussed would be expansion of the system rather than changes to it; discussing procedures rather than specifics; communicating as a body to the Council; concern that the Commission has not discussed the issue in detail yet; adequate staff representation; honoring the Council request; designating an ongoing representative; and the Parks Tour.

Vice Chair Kim received clarification that although she was absent for the Commission meeting when the item was discussed she could vote on the motion to designate a representative.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KIM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: DESIGNATE CHAIR HUDSON AND COMMISSIONER STUART OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO PRESENT THE COMMISSION'S IDEAS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENS WITHIN CULVER CITY AT AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Additional discussion between staff and the Commission included next steps in the process.

*****EXCERPT ENDS*****

ATTACHMENT C

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES 2010-2011

ASSOCIATIONS		
California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCBM)	Marianne Kim	<i>(Delegate)</i>
	Laura Stuart	<i>(Alternate)</i>
La Ballona Creek Renaissance	Laura Stuart	<i>(Delegate)</i>
	<i>open</i>	<i>(Alternate)</i>
Senior Citizens' Association Board of Directors	Mary Ann Greene	<i>(Delegate)</i>
	<i>open</i>	<i>(Alternate)</i>
CITY COMMITTEES		
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Mary Ann Greene	<i>(Delegate)</i>
	Laura Stuart	<i>(Alternate)</i>
Disability Advisory Committee	Rick Hudson	<i>(Delegate)</i>
	Laura Stuart	<i>(Alternate)</i>
COMMISSION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEES		
Council/Commission	Vicki Daly Redholtz	
	Rick Hudson	
Human Relations	Vicki Daly Redholtz	
	Mary Ann Greene	
Youth Outreach	Rick Hudson	
	Laura Stuart	
Financial Resource Development	Vicki Daly Redholtz	
	Laura Stuart	
Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan	Mary Ann Greene	
	Marianne Kim	
Recreational Activities and Special Projects	Rick Hudson	
	Marianne Kim	

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